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In my capacity as Chairman of the African Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the OAU Heads of State and Government Declaration on Angola, adopted during its 29th Ordinary Session held in Cairo, Egypt from 28 to 30 June 1993.

I would be grateful to you if you would have this document circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations
Chairman of the African Group

Annex

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We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in our Twenty-ninth Ordinary Session in Cairo, Egypt, from 28 to 30 June, 1993;

Having considered the critical situation in Angola, resulting from UNITA's refusal to accept the results of the democratic elections held in that country in September, 1992,

Having listened attentively to the part of the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, concerning Angola and the information provided by the Head of State of Angola on the developments in his country,

Recalling the peace initiatives taken by the Angolan Government and the International Community, as well as the decisions of the OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on Southern Africa, the Frontline States, SADC, PTA Summits and the relevant UN resolutions, namely Security Council's resolutions 804/93, 811/93 and 834/93,

Desirous of contributing to a quick re-establishment of peace in Angola, **DECLARES** the following:

1. When the Government of Angola and UNITA signed the Bicesse Agreement on 31 May, 1991, in Portugal, the whole world, particularly, Africa, commended this great event which they thought could bring to the Angolan people the long desired peace, national reconciliation and democracy;

2. The Angolan people demonstrated their adherence to these noble objectives by participating enthusiastically and in an orderly manner in the legislative and presidential elections of 29 and 30 September,1992, considered free and fair by the international community;

3. Owing to UNITA's refusal to accept the electoral verdict and simultaneously with the launching of armed actions against the defenseless population, and democratically elected institutions, the military occupation of villages, municipalities and communities, the indiscriminate destruction of economic and social infrastructures of vital importance to the life of the populations, the Angolan people feel now that the aspiration for peace, freedom and democracy have been betrayed and now confronted with a man-made catastrophic situation, resulting from increase of bellicose actions carried out by UNITA military wing;

4. Thus, we renew our strong commitment to the preservation of unity and territorial integrity of Angola and reaffirm our full support for the efforts deployed by the international observers of the Troika for the Angolan peace process; we, also **ENCOURAGE** them to proceed with their search for a peaceful solution to the conflict;

5. We, strongly condemn UNITA for its repeated massacres of civilian populations and destruction of social infrastructures; we recommend that the United Nations Security Council impose sanctions and take concrete measures, including the closure of UNITA's Representative offices abroad so as to neutralize its war-like actions and force it to accept dialogue as the only way to achieve peace;

6. We, urgently call on the governments of Angola's neigbouring countries not to allow the use of their territories and space as a spring board or headquarters to support the actions carried out by its military wing in Angolan territory;

7. We, commend the government of Cote d'Ivoire and in particular, His Excellency, President Houphouet Boigny, for the contribution he has been making towards the establishment of peace in Angola and

encourage him to continue exerting all his influence on UNITA so that Mr. Savimbi may adopt indeed a constructive stand of peace;

8. We also praise the Angolan Government for its continued readiness to maintain dialogue with UNITA, as well as for its goodwill demonstrated in the search for a peaceful settlement of the conflict. In this regard, we strongly call on UNITA to resume as soon as possible the peace talks with the government, with a view to establishing a definitive ceasefire and ensure a full implementation of the "Peace Agreement";

9. We call on the OAU Member States and the international community to provide urgent humanitarian aid in order to mitigate the sufferings of the people in this country and urge UNITA not to impede or hinder the delivery of humanitarian assistance to civilian population affected by the war;

10. We express our satisfaction with the recognition of the Angolan government by the present American Administration and encourage the Administration to proceed with its efforts to contribute, in collaboration with the Angolan government, to the establishment of peace in Angola and safeguard democracy in the Continent.